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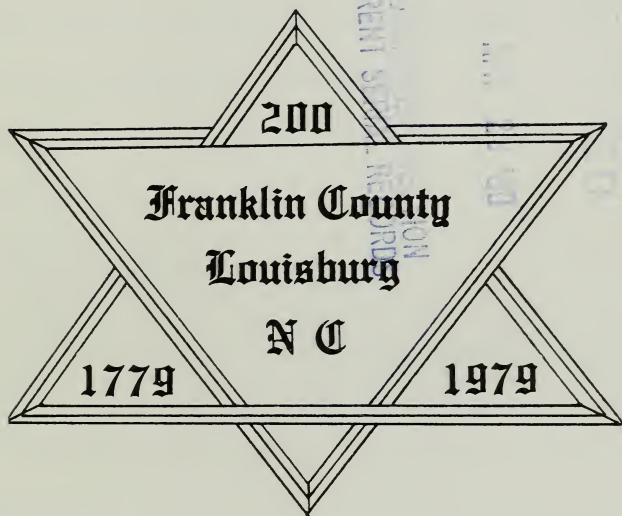
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# ASCS Annual Report



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AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION  
AND CONSERVATION SERVICE



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## F O R E W O R D

The Franklin County ASCS Office presents this annual report of its activities and accomplishments for 1979. This information gives a brief resume of the benefits every American receives either directly or indirectly from farm programs administered through ASCS. These programs provide the framework for a sound and balanced agricultural economy.

This report may be used as a good reference any time you need information about farm programs administered in Franklin County.



## O U R C R E E D

WE AS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ACCEPT OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY WELL AND IN FULL MEASURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY...

- \* To administer faithfully the federal programs and functions assigned to us.
- \* To put loyalty to the highest moral principles above loyalty to persons or party.
- \* To serve the public with fairness, courtesy, integrity, and understanding.
- \* To give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of our duties earnest effort and our best thought.
- \* To develop our personal resources by seeking always to improve the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of our works.
- \* To be a good neighbor and a substantial contributor to the general welfare of our community, being mindful of the common source of all our blessings.

...AND THUS DO OUR PART IN PERFORMING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, AND IN FURTHERING THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.



# A D M I N I S T R A T I V E

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, administers various programs by means of farmer committees in the broad fields of production adjustment, soil, water, and forest conservation assistance, and price and market stabilization.

The State ASC Committee, comprised of five farmer members, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committee makes policy determinations at the State level and appoints a State Executive Director who is in charge of the day to day operations. Each year Franklin County farmers elect three farmers to serve as community committeemen in each of the ten ASC Communities in the county. The community committee elects three farmers to serve on the county committee. The county committee determines ASCS policy in the county. They appoint a County Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations. Counties in the state are divided into nine administrative districts. A District Director supervises county office operations in each of these districts.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

### STATE ASC COMMITTEE

R. W. WILKINS, JR., CHAIRMAN

J. W. HALL

C. L. McLAWHORN

L. W. HOLLEY

Z. H. PONDER

### STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

C. P. STEWART



DISTRICT DIRECTOR

D. L. ROBERTS

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE

BENNIE R. GUPTON ----- CHAIRMAN  
BENNIE B. WILLIAMS ----- VICE-CHAIRMAN  
MAYNARD G. BAKER ----- REGULAR MEMBER

COMMUNITY ASC COMMITTEE

A-CEDAR ROCK

R. S. May  
O. T. Fisher  
Steven Nelms

F-HARRIS

Horace W. Baker  
John B. Arnold  
W. R. Richards, Jr.

B-CYPRESS CREEK

George Murray  
Charles Bass  
Phillip Sykes

G-HAYESVILLE

Maynard S. Wilson  
Harold M. Renn  
W. E. Aycock

C-DUNN

O'deyne Mullen  
H. K. Baker  
John Vollmer

H-LOUISBURG

Wilbur Southall  
Thomas Perdue  
Elmo B. May

D-FRANKLINTON

Larry Wilder  
R. W. Pace, Jr.  
Joe Wright

J-SANDY CREEK

J. C. Tharrington  
John Foster  
Steve Lamm

E-GOLDMINE

Henry Nelms  
Kirby Gupton  
Billy Wood

K-YOUNGSVILLE

Maryland M. Holmes  
Haywood Wiggins  
John R. Hill, Jr.

## OFFICE PERSONNEL

John R. Davis ----- County Executive Director  
Dorothy W. Clay ----- Chief Program Assistant  
Mildred M. Bobbitt ----- Program Assistant  
Diana B. Cannady ----- Program Assistant  
Ruby F. Abbott ----- Program Assistant  
Dahlia H. Duke ----- Program Assistant  
Jane J. Williams ----- Program Assistant  
Sue C. Tharrington ----- Program Assistant  
Eugene R. Collins ----- Field & Office Assistant  
Willie J. Highsmith ----- Custodian

## FIELD PERSONNEL

Jackie Pearce -----Tobacco Marketing Recorder  
Robert Allen -----Tobacco Marketing Recorder  
Wilton Faulkner ----- Field Assistant  
Rodney Marshall ----- Field Assistant  
Eugene Underhill ----- Field Assistant

## M O T T O

" SERVICE WITH A SMILE "

## BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

The Franklin County ASCS Office is allocated administrative funds fiscally based on workload volume. As funds are needed, sight drafts are prepared and deposited in the county committee's bank account to be used for operating cost of the county office.

Funds to cover the cost of field work for pre-measurement and remeasurement services are collected from farmers and deposited to the bank account.

### 1979 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Allocations -----	\$155,461.00
Collections -----	\$4,557.54
TOTAL -----	\$160,018.54

### 1979 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES

County Committee -----	\$ 2,692.97
Community Committee -----	1,749.64
Office & Field Personnel -----	146,645.01
Travel -----	3,296.44
Supplies & Miscellaneous expense -----	4,752.34
Unused and obligated funds -----	651.44
Refunds -----	230.70
TOTAL -----	\$ 160,018.54

## 1979 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The 1979 Agricultural Conservation Program provided cost-sharing for practices which resulted in maximum conservation benefits. Conservation measures also enhance the quality of the environment in rural areas, control agricultural related pollution, preserve and restore our natural wildlife population. Annual and long term agreements help solve current as well as long range conservation problems. Special emphasis are placed on forestry practices through ACP cost-sharing and the Forestry Incentive Program.

Federal cost-sharing assistance was offered for carrying out practices under the 1979 ACP not to exceed \$3500 per person.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Assistance</u>
Permanent Pasture	100 acres	3,739
Pasture Improvement	242 acres	5,732
Conservation Tillage Systems	493 acres	4,930
Sod Waterways	27 farms	10,386
Animal Waste Control Facilities	8 farms	10,500
Cover Crops	3474 acres	13,896
TOTAL	-----	\$ 49,183

## FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Forestry Incentive Program is administered through the combined efforts of the N. C. Forest Service and ASCS. The N. C. Forest Service is responsible for technical phases and ASCS offers cost-sharing assistance at 60% of the cost not to exceed \$10,000 per person. 1979 participation is as follows:

Number farms planting trees -----	24
Total acres of trees planted -----	750
Total cost-share assistance paid -----	\$31,650

## FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT PROGRAM

The 1977 Food & Agricultural Act discarded base acreage allotments and substituted a Normal Crop Acreage concept. The crops which constitute normal crop acreage in Franklin County are barley, corn, grain sorghum, wheat, cotton, oats, rye, soybeans and sweet potatoes. The first established NCA was based on the 1977 plantings of these crops.

The 1977 Act protects farmer's income through commodity loans, target prices, land diversion and disaster payments when necessary. Target prices for 1979 crops were:

Corn -----	\$2.20 per bu.
Grain Sorghum -----	\$2.34 per bu.
Barley -----	\$2.40 per bu.
Wheat -----	\$3.40 per bu.

The 1979 set-aside program provided that the total acres of NCA crops plus acres set-aside (20% of wheat and barley planted, 10% of corn and grain sorghum planted and any additional diversion) could not exceed the farms NCA. The producer was provided flexibility in planting those crops most in demand at the market place or crops he could grow best.

Participation in either the feed grain or wheat program was voluntary. Following are summaries of Franklin County activities:

Number farms with 1979 effective NCA's -----	2314
Total NCA acreage -----	85,172



## FEED GRAIN SUMMARY

Number farms participating -----	146
Number of voluntary diversion payments -----	108
Amount of voluntary diversion payments ---	\$3,297.20
Number barley deficiency payments -----	16
Amount of barley deficiency payments -----	\$601.59
Number of disaster payments -----	4
Amount of disaster payments -----	\$535.03

## WHEAT SUMMARY

Number farms participating -----	58
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## T O B A C C O

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in Franklin County. The acreage poundage program has been in effect since 1965. Each year the Secretary makes an estimate of the amount of tobacco that will be utilized and exported during the year and adjusts quotas upward or downward by the amount needed to bring production in balance with demand. Under this program, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year.

Price support was carried out through loans made available by Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. The acreage loan level for the 1979 crop of flue-cured tobacco was \$1.29 per pound.

## TOBACCO SUMMARY

No. Farms with allotments	2728
County Basic Allotment	9372.56
County Effective Allotment	8570.66
County Effective Quota (pounds)	15,493,389
Pounds Marketed	14,859,530
Pounds Undermarketed	633,859

### 4 LEAF TOBACCO PROGRAM

As a result of a big buildup and poor demand of P and N grades of tobacco in F. C. Stabilization's inventory the "4 Leaf Program" went into effect. The purpose of this program was to encourage farmers to leave their bottom primings in the field. Participating farmers could plant up to 110% of the farm's effective tobacco allotment and still be eligible for price support provided the four bottom leaves were not harvested.

Number of farms signed up	10
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### TOBACCO LEASE AND TRANSFER PROGRAM

The lease and transfer of tobacco poundage within the county continued in effect for 1979 and the growers were permitted to transfer poundage by lease through November 30th.



## TOBACCO WAREHOUSE DESIGNATION PROGRAM

The Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program began in 1974 and has continued in effect since that time. To be eligible for price support farmers must visit the County ASCS Office prior to the beginning of the marketing season and select a warehouse at which they agree to market their crop. Those who failed to designate during the initial period are permitted to designate during the monthly redesignation periods when farmers are allowed to change warehouses.

The purpose of this program is to allow more orderly marketing and reduce congestion at warehouses. A big majority of the farmers participated in the program.

A total of 1619 designation forms were prepared during the 1979 marketing season.

## LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET SALES

Number of sale days -----	22
Pounds sold -----	6,985,825
Gross sales amount -----	\$9,549,172.11
Average per one hundred pounds-----	\$136.69

## NON-QUOTA TOBACCO

Maryland tobacco is a non-quota tobacco, that can be grown without an allotment. This tobacco was planted on 30 farms in Franklin Connty in 1979.

## TOBACCO REFERENDUM

Flue-cured tobacco producers voted in December to determine if marketing quotas would remain in effect for the years 1980 through 1982. Voting results in Franklin County:

For Quotas -----	1613
Against Quotas -----	55

## COMPLIANCE

The certification method of determining compliance was used in 1979. The planted acreages of crops and other land uses were reported by the farm operators. Farms were selected at random and spot-checked to determine the accuracy of the reports. Aerial observation was used to determine and verify all tobacco farms and 34 NCA farms. The number of reports received and farm visits made by commodity is as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Measured</u>	<u>Verified</u>
Tobacco (Eff. Allot.)	1322	268	2054
Tobacco (Zero Allot.)	1380	0	115
Wheat	55		
Barley	15		
Corn	122		
Grain Sorghum	14		
NCA Crops (Participating farms)	147	34	0
Set-aside	147	34	0
NCA Crops (Non-Participating farms)	1787	107	0
ACP	34	6	

Measurement service was requested and completed on 200 tobacco farms for 1979.

## RECONSTITUTIONS

Farms must be reconstituted whenever:

- A. A change occurred in the operation of farm.
- B. An owner requests in writing that his land no longer be included in a multiple ownership farm.
- C. The farm is not properly constituted.

Number of Reconstitutions -----	121
In-County Transfers -----	3
Out-County Transfers -----	0

## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farm Storage & Facility Loan Program is to enable producers to obtain loans on grain bins and drying equipment. Loans may be made to cover 85% of the purchase and erection costs. Loans are for a 8 year period with 7 equal annual repayments. Interest rates of 7.0 and 10.5 were applicable in 1979.

Loans disbursed in 1979 -----	6
Active Loans -----	24

## COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD

During a local disaster or a national emergency the Emergency Board and its support personnel will carry out emergency operations from the Emergency County Office. The basic responsibilities are related to the local food situation and providing assistance in obtaining material, manpower, equipment, supplies, and services needed to carry out responsibilities. Following are members of this board.

John R. Davis, Chairman -----	ASCS
W. U. Smith, Deputy Chairman -----	SCS
Thomas Marshall, Member -----	FmHA
C. T. Dean, Jr., Member -----	CES

## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The County ASCS Office performs other duties assigned to it by the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time, such as surveys, reports, and emergency programs. We also try to keep committeemen and farmers informed properly on all phases of the programs administered by ASCS through newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, letters and personal contacts.

Meetings were held during the year with community committeemen, farmers, schools and civic groups.

In all our activities we strive to give the very best service possible to every person regardless of sex, race, color or creed.



## C O N C L U S I O N

The Franklin County ASCS Office is located in the Agricultural Building on East Nash Street in Louisburg along with the other Agricultural Agencies. We are very grateful to the citizens of Franklin County and our county commissioners for providing good office space.

We especially want to thank Radio Station WYRN and the Franklin Times for their cooperation in getting timely and correct information out for us.

Our office is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except for legal holidays.

We are Federal employees administering farm programs designed for the people of Franklin County. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all persons whenever our services are needed. You may wish to telephone us, if so the number is Louisburg #496-3121.

We hope this report has given you some insight into the purpose and accomplishments of programs administered by ASCS.



